



**And**

By the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and singular Archbishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, Deans, and their Officials: Parsons, Curates, Curates, and to all spiritual persons: And also to all Justices of Peace, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Constables, Churchwardens, & Headboroughs: And to all Officers of Cities, Boroughs, and Townes corporate: And to all other our Officers, Ministers, and Subjects whatsoever they be, aswell within liberties as without, to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

**WHEREAS** by our Letters Patents bearing date at Westminster the Last day of October in the seventh year of our Reigne of England, &c. upon a Certificate under the hands of our Right trusty & wel-beloued Subjects Sir Francis Fane, Sir George Fane, Sir Robert Brev, Sir Maximilian Dalison, and Sir William Page Knights, Justices of the Peace within our County of Kent, Wee did give and graunt unto our poore distressed Subject John Tyler of Shorne within our foresaid County of Kent, full power, licence & authority to aske, gather, receive & take the Almes & charitable beneuolence of all our loving Subjects whatsoever Inhabiting within our Cities of London & Westminster, with the Suburbs and Liberties thereof, and in our Counties of Kent, Essex, Surrey, & Sussex, for & in respect of his great losses sustained by fire, amounting to the value of Two Hundred Pounds and up wards, and the reliefe & maintenance of himselfe, his poore wife, and family. And Wee so farre as Wee haue been lately hereby credibly giuen to vnderstand aswell by a Certificate from our true & Loyall Subjects the Inhabitants of our Towne of Shorne aforesaid, as also by Affidavit, That our said poore Subject John Tyler at the time of the granting of our said Letters Patents, was tosamely visited by Almighty God with grievous sicknesse & lameness in his limbs, whereby hee was not able to make any Collection of our said grant within the time limited (saying only fower Parishes within our City of London) whereby hee lost the reliefe Wee graciously intended towards him; Since which time hee is fallen into further want & misery by the like misfortune of fire, whereby his Hall-house & other Out-houses, together with the goods & substance therein were burnt & consumed: By reason whereof, and of other casual meanes hee hath lost to the value of Three Hundred Pounds more, so the utter undoing of him and his poore wife being now aged fower score years a peece, and not only stripped of all their maintenance & livelihood, but also in these their latter daies over-taken with extreme want & penury, being past labour & not able to helpe themselves, so that they are like to perish for want of things necessary, unless some charitable conceit be forthwith taken for their reliefe heering whose miserable & poore estate is much pittie, and seeing that by Gods will hee was not able to take the benefit of our former Letters Patents within the time limited, but lest the same vncollected, Wee haue thought good (by on the humble suit of all our foresaid Subjects the Inhabitants of Shorne) to renew our foresaid Letters Patents for longer time for the places formerly granted wherein no Collection hath been made, whereby our said poore Subject may now receive such reliefe as it shall please God to stir up in the hearts & charitable minds of all our loving and wel-disposed Subjects by Christian contribution towards the reliefe & comfort of their poore distressed Brother, who through more want suffereth more to crave the same.

And Wee for therefore, that wee (tendering the lamentable & distressed estate of our said poore Subject) of Our especiall Grace and Mercie compassion, haue giuen & granted, and by these our Letters Patents doe giue and grant unto our said poore Subject John Tyler, and to his Deputy & Deputies, the bearer or bearers hereof, full power, licence, and authority, to aske, gather, receive and take the Almes and charitable beneuolence of all our loving Subjects whatsoever Inhabiting within our Cities of London, & Westminster, with the Suburbs & Liberties thereof, and in our Counties of Essex, Kent, Surrey, & Sussex, with our Cities of Canterbury, Rochester, and the Cinque Ports, with our City of Chichester, (where no former Collection hath been made) And in all Townes corporate, privileged places, Parishes, Villages, and in all other places whatsoever within our said Counties, and not elsewhere, for and towards the recovery of his great losses, and the reliefe and maintenance of himselfe, his poore wife and family.

**WHEREFORE** Wee will & commaund you, and every of you, that at such time & times as the said John Tyler, or his Deputy or Deputies, the bearer or bearers hereof, shall come & repaire to any your Churches, Chappels, or other places, to aske, and receive the gratuities & charitable beneuolence of our said Subjects, quietly to permit & suffer them so to doe, without any manner of lets, or contradictions. And you the said Parsons, Curates, and Curates, for the better stirring up of a charitable deuotion, deliberately to publish and declaire the Contents of these our Letters Patents, or the Copy or Copies thereof, unto our said Subjects, within One Month next after your receipt thereof. Choosing & persuading them to extend their liberrall contributions in so good and charitable a deed. And you the Churchwardens of every Parish where such Collection is to be made (as aforesaid) to collect and gather the Almes and charitable beneuolence of all our loving Subjects, aswell strangers as others, from seat to seat; And what shall be by you so gathered, to endorse on the backe of the same, in words at length, and not in figures, and the same deliver to the bearer or bearers hereof, when as thereunto you shall be required. Our Statute, Lawe, Ordinance, or provision hitherto made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

In Witnesse whereof, Wee haue caused these our Letters to be made Patents for the space of one whole year next after the date hereunto endore. Witness our selfe at Westminster, the second day of March, in the seauenth year of our Reigne of England, France, and Ireland: and of Scotland the Thirtieth.

**Steward**

**God save the King**

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